

## NEWSNOTES



**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**  
**CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

When you set your clocks back this weekend, remember to also follow the "4Cs" of fire safety: Change, check, count and clean your smoke alarms.

Change your smoke alarm batteries at least once a year. Check that your alarms are working after inserting new batteries, and also once per month. Count your alarms to make sure you have at least one on every level of your home. And clean your alarms with a vacuum cleaner once per month.

### Classified Clean-Out Day coming soon

On Nov. 6, all Fort Dix activities are required to complete a review of their holdings of classified materials. Any document or item no longer needed for operational, legal, or historical purposes is to be destroyed using an authorized destruction method.

Call the Installation Security Office at 562-3665/2153/2417 for additional information.

### AFAP Conference rescheduled Nov. 7

The Army Family Action Plan Conference originally on tap for Oct. 25 has been rescheduled for Nov. 7 at Timmermann Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All those interested in joining the conference and discussing ideas to make Fort Dix a better place to live, work and play are welcome to participate.

Please call Fran Booth at 562-3930 for more information or to sign up.

### DMWR to hold Warehouse Sale

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Supply Warehouse Sale will be held Nov. 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 6043 Doughboy Loop.

Items for sale include a riding mower, baby strollers and furniture, chairs, bed frames, new bedspreads, drinking glasses and more.

*Note: All sales are final, no returns. All items must be removed within three days. No previews, please.*

### Newcomers' Orientation held each month at ACS

Community Newcomers' Orientation is held the third Thursday of each month and is open to new service members and their families to become with Fort Dix and its surrounding communities.

The orientation is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Army Community Service building at 5201 Maryland Avenue. Free lunch and childcare are provided.

For more information, call 562-2767.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY -- Breezy and cooler with plenty of sunshine. High of 56 degrees, low of 38.**

**SATURDAY -- Mostly sunny in the day with clear skies at night. High of 56 degrees, low of 40.**

**SUNDAY -- Sunshine and some clouds with a high of 56 degrees, low of 38.**

**MONDAY -- Plenty of sunshine gives way to cloudy skies at night. High of 56 degrees, low of 42.**

**TUESDAY -- Mostly cloudy and breezy with possible evening showers. High of 56 degrees, lows in the upper 30s.**

# KFOR8 troops return home



Ted Rabens and John Lancaster, members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, N.J. Chapter 899, from left at right, welcome home Soldiers returning from a year-long tour of duty in Kosovo as part of KFOR8. Being greeted is Sgt. Kenneth Arzon, 29th Infantry Division. Nearly 1,000 KFOR8 Soldiers will demobilize through Dix, including troops from the Maryland Guard's 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, 729th Combat Support Battalion, and 29th Infantry Division; Massachusetts Army Guard troops from the National Guard's 101st Engineers and 1st-182nd Infantry; Soldiers from the Virginia Guard's 116th Infantry Battalion; Puerto Rico's 125th Military Police Company; and North Carolina's 1493 Medical Detachment.

Pascual Flores

## Health fair set at Club for federal employees

The 2008 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAFEDS) and Federal Employees Dental & Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) Open Season will be Nov. 12 through Dec. 10.

The effective date of any new election as a result of FEHB Open Season is Jan. 6, 2008.

There is a health fair scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 for the Department of Army federal civilian appropriated fund workforce. It will be held at Club Dix, Bldg. 3455, Alabama and 6th Streets.

The Office of Personnel Management is not providing hardcopies of the FEHB comparison guide anymore. The new 2008 FEHB Comparison Guide will be available online at <http://www.opm.gov/insure>.

Through this guide is not available yet, the 2008 rates can be found at this same Internet address.

During open season, any eligible employee (generally permanent, full or part-time and temporary employees who have at least one year of current, continuous service), who is not currently enrolled, may enroll.

Also, any eligible enrollee may change from one plan or option to another, from self-only to self and family, or make a combination of these changes.

Another change that can be made during this time frame is either waive participation in FEHB premium conversion or to participate in FEHB premium conversion.

Employees who wish to continue their current enrollment do not need to take any action during this open season. However, please pay close attention to any correspondence sent to you by your FEHB carrier.

There may be changes that might influence your decision to continue with that plan.

Employees wishing to enroll or change their health insurance during this open season will do this through the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C). Their Web address is <https://www.abc.army.mil> and their toll-free telephone number is 1(877) 276-9287.

Employees wishing to enroll in the new Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) will enroll through another Web site, <http://BENEFEDS.com>.

The effective date of any elections made as a result of the new 2007 Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) is Dec. 31. No elections of any kind can be made until at least Nov. 13.

For more information on the 2008 Federal Employees Health Benefits, visit [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov).



Country music star Clint Black shakes fans' hands during his concert at Timmermann Center Oct. 29. The performance was sponsored by the Spirit of America Tour, a project of the California-based, non-profit Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc. For story and more photos, see page 4.

## Reintegration key for returning troops

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

When Soldiers return from participating in the war effort overseas, they carry a lot of baggage - baggage that could eventually blow up and wreak havoc on their lives.

This baggage is full of emotional, mental stresses and traumas that the Soldiers may not even recognize are there. One detection and prevention weapon in the Fort Dix arsenal, and possibly very soon, the Army is to bring these threats to light and neutralize them during Reintegration Training.

The original plan to help Soldiers deal with traumatic and stressful memories was to brief them on reunion strategies, family issues, and other like subjects. To quote Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation chaplain, "the immediate result was that a lot of Soldiers got extra sleep time during these sessions."

Realizing this was an unsuccessful way to confront the issues at hand, Kronenberg approached the Army Community Service (ACS) staff for a partnership. He wanted to team up and separate returning Soldiers into groups of 20 for interactive group discussions. The reintegration discussions are guided by a chaplain and a social worker and all the Soldiers input discussions are kept confidential.

The Reintegration Training sessions are modeled after Critical Inci-

dent Stress Management (CISM) sessions. CISM is a technique designed to assist victims of trauma work through the crisis period immediately following the traumatic event.

These techniques are used to aid victims of crime and tragedy, for example - front-line emergency service providers, military personnel, and members of many other professions.

While there are varying schools of CISM practice, all work toward the goal of assisting the victim to restore

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a normal life as soon as possible while reducing the chances they will suffer long-term post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Leading the program from the chapel side are Kronenberg, who is a licensed clinical social worker, and Chap. (Col.) David Forden, a licensed counselor and therapist. Leading from the ACS side is Bonnie Reed, the deployment and mobilization program manager at the Joint Readiness Center.

During the sessions the counselors ask two leading questions to get the

Soldiers reflecting and sharing with each other. The first is, "What caused your stress while in theater?"

Common responses to the first question indicate that there is a perception that reserve component Soldiers are treated differently than their active duty counterparts and that there were problems with leadership.

The second, "What is causing you stress about going home?"

Common responses to the second question concern the uncertainty of jobs still being available and open to the returning Soldiers and whether their children will still recognize them.

Active duty Soldiers return from overseas to a post or base that has a fully active support system while Guard and Reserve Soldiers return to their communities and don't drill for at least three months. Most also lack the immediate in-place medical and mental health systems that they may require to deal with PTSD and traumatic brain injury," said Kronenberg.

"A common problem is that Soldiers return from overseas and try to treat their families the same as they did before they deployed. This most often is not possible as members of the family have had to assume different roles and responsibilities and are not quite ready to change back or relinquish their new authority.

Likewise, spouses cannot expect their Soldier to return to the home and pick up exactly where he or she left off before deployment. Every mem-

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# Author warns of 'war on the middle class'

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff  
book review

Corporations ship good jobs overseas. Politicians are overwhelmed by lobbyists in Washington, selling out to the highest bidding special interests. Record budget and trade deficits threaten to bankrupt the nation. Illegal immigrants stream across our borders straining social services in states they invade and, in response, political elites can barely stifle a yawn. The news media feasts on sensation and feckless celebrity while downplaying hard information shaping American lives. Incomes decline. Many schools no longer serve an educational function. Health care becomes ever more costly and millions go without. CEOs strut into retirement with fortunes while their companies and stockholders lose money and sometimes even fail to survive. Life in the middle class becomes ever more precarious.

## Something is rotten in the United States of America!

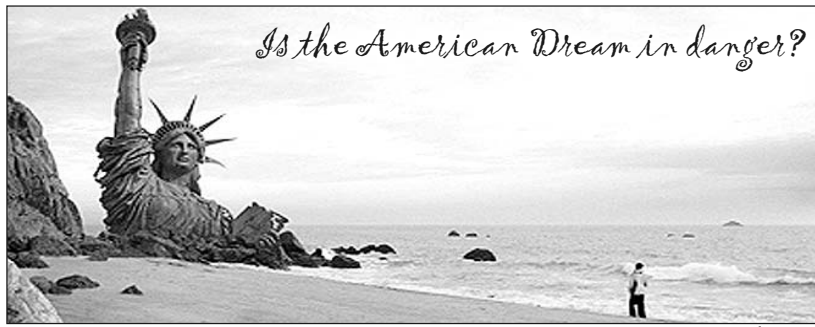
That's the thesis proposed by CNN honcho Lou Dobbs in his new book, *War On the Middle Class: How the Government, Big Business, and Special Interest Groups Are Waging War on the American Dream and How to Fight Back* (Penguin Books, 2007, paperback, 276 pages, \$15). And Dobbs musters powerful evidence to support his case.

Dobbs thinks economics and politics have shaped a class structure in our society that is not enviable or efficient. For the purposes of making his case in this book, he divides Americans into an **upper class consisting of the top one (1) percent of people** in the country making more than \$400,000 per year. **"The bottom 20 percent, or our lower class, includes families scraping by on just over \$10,000 a year,"** he writes.

"They are called the working poor, and barely survive," Dobbs notes.

**People in the middle income brackets, making between \$26,000 and \$150,000 a year,** are defined by Dobbs as America's middle class because they stand between the richest 20 percent and poorest 20 percent.

"Half of all Americans make more than \$44,000, and half make less," he notes.



*Is the American Dream in danger?*

So anyone falling within the 60 percent of Americans making between \$26,000 and \$150,000, is in the middle class by Dobbs' reasonable calculation.

Although "the middle class finds itself in the enviable position of being the largest segment of society" it is, "unfortunately, the least well served by big business and big government," Dobbs believes.

Why? Probably because the middle class is the least politically organized group in America.

"We are increasingly at the mercy of institutions that only appear to be serving our interests. In reality, these institutions are the breeding ground for a new type of upper class, made up of those who simply want to enrich themselves at the expense of people who work for them or vote for them. These people, and their institutions, are the commanders in a type of class warfare never before seen in America. To them, the middle class is a target," Dobbs warns.

The author points out that "the full emergence of a class structure is nowhere more evident than in the differential in pay of corporate CEOs (chief executive officers) and average workers." While the average CEO netted 42-times as much pay as did the average blue-collar worker in 1980, the gulf widened to 84-times by 1990. And where did the pay ratio between CEOs and average workers stand in 2005?

In that year, CEOs out-earned workers by 431 to 1! Government is another

***War On The Middle Class: How the Government, Big Business, and Special Interest Groups Are Waging War on the American Dream and How to Fight Back***, by Lou Dobbs, Penguin Books, 2007, paperback, 276 pages, \$15.

enemy in the war against the middle class in Dobbs view. "Lobbyists for corporate America and special interest groups are the arms dealers in the war against the middle class," is the charming simile Dobbs uses to describe his disdain. "They broker money, influence, and information between their clients and our elected officials, all of which are used to render working men and women in this country little more than cannon fodder."

To take just one example, Dobbs reveals that the "Business Roundtable, a coalition representing most of the Fortune 200 corporations, has spent \$80 million lobbying for free trade since 1998," giving \$58 million alone in campaign contributions in 2000 to support the fight to normalize trade relations with China. The 10 politicians who received the most money from the roundtable voted for the motion in favor of China." To be fair, nine of 10 politicians getting money from anti-China trade labor unions voted against the measure. The bill to normalize trade relations passed, 237-197.

"Today," Dobbs observes, "we have a trade deficit of over \$100 billion with China."

The news media cooperates with both major political parties in smoke-screening what is really happening, good and bad, in the country. Behold

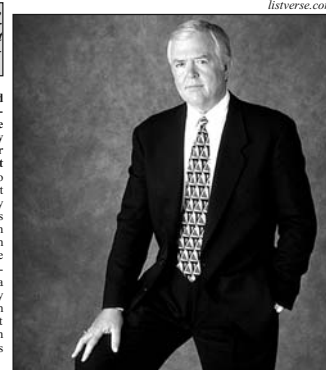
Dobbs' inimitable sarcasm:

**"If both parties could keep voters focused on abortions, gay marriage, and the Pledge of Allegiance, they could continue to serve their corporate masters without interference. They could also continue to distract the largest number of voters in the country from the record budget deficits and trade deficits that threaten to bankrupt our nation, from public schools that have already failed an entire generation of Americans, from a healthcare systems that is, by any standard, broken, and from business practices that have put America in direct competition with the lowest-paid workers around the globe."**

In a concluding chapter, Dobbs suggests Democrats and Republicans register in mass as Independents in a new party or parties; push for publicly-financed elections, use referendum to pass laws Congress refuses to consider, etc.

If all of this sounds far fetched one need only recall the recent political firestorm, instigated by Dobbs and others, that forced politicians to table an immigration reform bill that was anything but.

I think our type of government needs to be shook up once in a while to slice the blubber off fatcats bleeding the system. One reform might involve a resurgence of the old Populist Party, putting people and America - first.



**PINSTRIPED POPULIST** -- After hosting the popular *Moneyline* on CNN, Lou Dobbs, above, is now anchor and managing editor of "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on that network, reaching about 800,000 viewers per night in addition to his syndicated radio show and editorial columns. Once accused of being a lackey for the corporate class, Dobbs has evolved over the years into what he describes as an "independent populist" who's critical of the "excesses of capitalism." The business reporter identifies and attacks those excesses in his new book, *War on the Middle Class*, a must read for both critics and friends of corporate America.



**MAD AS HELL** -- Paddy Chayefsky's wild satire on television, the 1976 movie "Network," starring Peter Finch, above, as Howard Beal, the "mad prophet of the airways" who's "mad as hell and is not going to take it anymore." The film doesn't seem so wild or satiric anymore as the middle class becomes dumped on more and more or at least thinks that's the case. Lou Dobbs has been accused of acting like Howard Beal but Dobbs' low-key manner belies the charge as do his thoughtful critiques.

## Populists pleaded for power to the people



**GREAT COMMONER** -- President Andrew Jackson was a fiery backwoodsman from Tennessee and military hero at the Battle of New Orleans in 1814. When he reached the White House Jackson sought to represent the common man. He regarded the Second Bank of the United States to be a "monster" capable of destroying the young republic. When Congress renewed the bank's charter in July 1832, Jackson promptly vetoed their action, calling the bank a monopoly and asking, "Is there no danger to our liberty and happiness in a bank... with so little to bind it to our country?" Jackson's veto stung the bank and ceased to exist. His was among the first major blows struck by presidents in the name of economic populism.



**GREAT COMMONER** -- Silver-tongued, three-time presidential candidate, Democrat William Jennings Bryan lost his bids for the White House every time (1896, 1901, and 1908) but later became Secretary of State and never forsook the battle for populist causes like free silver ("Do not crucify mankind on a cross of gold"), the income tax, popular elections of U.S. Senators, woman suffrage, public knowledge of newspaper ownership and prohibition. Defending fundamentalist religion against evolution in the famous Scopes Trial, Bryan died from a heart attack just five days after the trial ended. Born in Illinois, Bryan made his career in Nebraska and worked closely with the Populist Party on the behalf of farmers and laborers (the so-called "common" people).



**DEMOCRAT OR DEMAGOGUE** -- Huey Long was governor of Louisiana (1928-32) and U.S. Senator (1932-35) known for his radical populism during the Great Depression. Impoverished Americans cheered the "Kingfish" for advocating guaranteed family incomes and old-age pensions. Long installed many reforms, building many roads and schools while ruling Louisiana with an iron, autocratic hand. He was seen as a political threat to President Franklin D. Roosevelt but was assassinated in 1935 before he could mount a serious challenge to the White House. The Kingfish was immortalized in Robert Penn Warren's great novel, "All the King's Men," which pointed out dangers posed by demagogues to democracy. But demagogue or no, Long helped many struggling citizens in his state. And they loved him for it.



**PROPHETIC PEROT** -- In a 1990 interview on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), tart-tongued Texarkanan H. Ross Perot predicted, "That sucking sound we'll hear over the next 10 years will be thousands of good jobs leaving the country." And he was right! Today's corporate outsourcing has made a prophet out of the third-party presidential candidate (1992, 1996) whose 18.9 percent of the popular vote in 1992 probably cost George Bush Senior the presidency that year. Perot's vote count was the second highest percentage for a third party candidate in any presidential election since Teddy Roosevelt racked up 27 percent in 1912. The former naval officer, IBM super-salesman, and founder of his own data processing firm, Perot was a billionaire who never forgot his roots and a patriot who never lost faith in his country or its people.

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# Ex-POWs, FOP expand grove with trees, flagpole

*"It takes guts to live, when the easiest thing to do is die,"*

**Al Bland**  
Pennsylvania  
Bataan Death  
March Survivor, Ex-POW

**David Moore**  
Public Affairs Staff,

Outside the DoD Police Department is a small triangle of land gradually filling up with memorial Dogwood trees and plaques to set in stone the memories and struggles of American ex-POWs.

On Oct. 26, during a chilled, windy rain, a small group from the Liberty Chapter of the American Ex-POWs organization and law enforcement officers of the DoD Police gathered again to remember a POW - Ernest White, a World-War-II, European Theater of Operations medic and ex-POW of the 85th Infantry Division.

Cay Burns, commander of the Liberty Bell Chapter of the American Ex-POWs organization, served as the master of ceremonies, for the event that included the donation of a tree and a memorial plaque from her organization.

A POW flag was raised by members of the Liberty Chapter and a 72nd Field Artillery Brigade warrior trainer, 1st Lt. Antonia Greene, on a flagpole donated by the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 168, whose members take care of the grounds.



*David Moore photo*  
**MEMORIAL GROVE** - Catherine Palme the daughter of World War II POW Ernest White and 1st Lt. Antonia Greene, of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, unveils the plaque dedicated to the memory of Catherine's father. The Liberty Bell Chapter of American Ex-POWs, Pennsylvania, donated the White monument and a tree in front of the DoD Police Department.

White's surviving family members - his wife, Theresa, and children Catherine, Ernest and Conrad - attended the event.

Greene, who was the guest speaker for the event and an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran, spoke of Pennsylvania native and a 1942 Corregidor Death March POW survivor, Staff Sgt. Al Bland. She read that Bland's most miserable

day was his first as a POW - when the realization sank in that he had lost his freedom.

"In America, people take freedom for granted," said Bland. "But when you lose your freedom, you've got nothing." Greene said.

Burns said the words spoken of Bland by Greene during the dedication were exactly how Bland would have spoken them.

"I knew him well, and had spoken to him many times," she said.

Greene said Bland's words were "wonderfully full of hope and love for his country." In the words of Bland, "I look in the mirror every day, and I got the world by the tail. There's no better country in the world. I'd go again tomorrow if called. I'm free, and I'd fight again to protect it," Greene said.

## Spouses' Club sponsors tasty trick or treat



*Candy Snyder*  
Candy bars were everywhere when the Fort Dix Spouses Club donated \$500 for a fund to buy candy distributed by DoD Police in all housing areas on post during Halloween. Some hard workers who helped bag the goods include the Safety Office's Nancy Owens and Leslie Pelegan, with fireman Mark Juengert, l-r in the front row. Standing, l-r, are fireman Howard McGoldrick, dispatcher Betty Craig, fireman Patrick Dedella, police supervisor Lt. Bonnie Graham-Morns and fireman Troy Perkins.

**NCO Call**  
at Club Dix  
Wednesday evenings  
at 6 p.m.

## POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of 22-28 Oct 07.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on Fort Dix Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, was struck by a deer.

●Police responded to an incident at Building 5989. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had broken the glass on a vending machine and removed consumable goods. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the Burger King parking lot. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a soldier NAFD, struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●During a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main gate, police discovered the vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, had expired registration. The operator was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to an incident in Hunting Area L1. Investigation revealed an FCI roving guard had heard gunshots. Further investigation revealed the presence of a dead deer with multiple gunshot wounds. Investigation continues.

●During a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main gate, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had an expired driver's license. Further investigation revealed the vehicle registration was also expired. The operator was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Doughboy Loop. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Ft Dix, struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●During a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Browns Mills gate, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a Fort Dix civilian employee, had expired registration. The operator was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Fort Dix Road. Investigation revealed that vehicle #1, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck vehicle #2 from the rear. Further investigation revealed the operator of vehicle #1 did not have a driver's license. The vehicle's owner, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, had knowingly allowed the subject to drive the vehicle without a license. Both individuals were cited. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released at the scene. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to an incident near Building 5524. Investigation revealed that while being transported, a conex box made contact with low wires, causing the wires to drop and pulling the poles loose from the foundation. DPW was notified, and the utility company responded to repair the damage.

●Police responded to a report of theft of government property at Building 5156. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had taken property. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a report of illegal hunting in Hunting Area L1. Investigation revealed a bow hunter, a civilian NAFD, was in the area without proper authorization. He was informed of the hunting policy and departed the area.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at Range Control. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by Ft Dix civilian employee, struck a K-span while attempting to enter it. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released at the scene.

●Police, Fire Department, and Emergency Services Police responded to a traffic accident near Building 4465. Investigation revealed a tactical vehicle, operated by a soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a concrete and steel bollard, causing extensive damage to the vehicle. The operator refused medical treatment at the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm in Building 3650. Investigation revealed no fire; unattended cooking had caused the alarm.

●A Ft Dix civilian employee reported she had been involved in a verbal altercation with an unknown male outside the Bowling Alley. The subject was later identified as a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Texas Ave. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, struck a deer.

●During a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown gate, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, did not have a driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to the registered owner.

●During a routine traffic stop on Lewistown Road, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop on Juliestown Road, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a soldier assigned to Fort Dix, had expired registration and no proof of insurance. The operator was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●There were 3 expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 19 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at 26 for the year.

## 24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault.....562-3849  
Victim Advocacy.....694-8724  
Child/Spouse Abuse.....562-6001  
Emergencies.....911

Or, visit the Fort Dix Department  
of Defense Police Department in  
Bldg. 6049 on 8th Street.



# Clint rocks the house at Timmermann

Blue lights, white glitter and red-hot country music rocked Timmermann Center Oct. 29 as the Spirit of America Tour brought Clint Black in concert to Fort Dix.

For nearly two hours, more than 1,000 service members and civilians cheered, whistled, stomped and clapped for one of country music's most popular and enduring stars.

"Everyone has been thanking us for coming here tonight," Black said, "but we are the ones who thank you for what you do."

"You can't do the things you want to do like watch television shows, buy clothes from the mall or even drive down the highway freely without people who serve in the military," he added. "It's important I recognize that and that's why I perform for the military."

Black has been performing for the military since 1992 when he held a concert for troops in Somalia. Other performances have included Kosovo and Bosnia in 2001 and Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 2003.

Black's concert at Fort Dix was sponsored by the Spirit of America Tour, a project of the California-based, non-profit Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc.

The Spirit of America Tour's mission is to bring headline entertainers to America's stateside military bases. Since its creation in 2002, tour managers Robert Rosenthal and Cathy Gurley have arranged more than 90 concerts featuring some of the nation's greatest performers.

Black's appearance at Dix was scheduled between shows in his Up Close and Personal Tour, a 51-theater trek that began Aug. 23 and ends later this month in California. His performance on post was nearly thwarted as Mother Nature tried to put the freeze on things, but hard work and a can-do attitude from all involved made sure the show would go on.

"Thank goodness for everyone here on the base," said Zack Berry, Up Close and Personal Tour manager, who explained the last-minute decision to move the concert from Doughboy Field to Timmermann Center due to near-freezing temperatures.

"When you play outdoors in that kind of temperature, the whole dynamic changes. When you play a guitar with cold strings, it feels like you're playing barbed wire," Berry explained, also noting that cold weather will put guitars out-of-tune. Another concern was protecting Black's voice, as he has 17 shows remaining in his Up Close and Personal Tour.

"This was the best compromise we could come up with," Berry said, offering praise for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Department of Defense Police, the New Jersey State and Pemberton Township Police, and everyone else who helped make the change of venue successful.

Black and his opening act, Laura Byrna, held a question-and-answer session for two-dozen service members at Club Dix prior to the concert. Black talked about the respect he has for military personnel who are surrounded by family one day and are in far-away places protecting America's freedoms the next.

He also talked about his own family, including his wife, Lisa Hartmann Black, and their



Ed Mingin

**BASIC BLACK** -- Country music star Clint Black, above, performs at Fort Dix's Timmermann Center Oct. 29 to more than 1,000 service members and civilians. The show was part of the Spirit of America Tour, a project of the California-based, non-profit Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc. Black held a meet and greet at Club Dix prior to the concert, where he autographed a guitar belonging to Staff Sgt. Daniel Auxier, Rhode Island National Guard.



David Moore



Shawn Morris

six-year-old daughter Lilly Pearl, who is becoming something of a star herself when the family goes on tour together.

"She always wants to dress up and dance," he said. Black also spoke of his brother Mark, who served in the Army, his brother Brian, a deputy constable, and his father.

"You know, when my dad was in the Army, he was stationed I believe at Fort Hancock," said Black, who was born in Long Branch. "He played baseball against Soldiers from Fort Dix."

"He never told me who won, so I can only guess Fort Dix won," he joked.

Byrna, a new artist whose first album is due out in early 2008 under Black's music label Equity Music Group, was grateful for the opportunity to play for service members.

"I can't think of a better place to be. I just want to thank you for serving and doing what you do for this country," she said.



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**AWARD WINNERS** -- Laura Byrna, left, brought impressive vocal talents to Fort Dix as the opening act for Clint Black's concert at Timmermann Center Oct. 29. Both she and Black were given tokens of appreciation by Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, installation commander, above center, and Command Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis, installation command sergeant major, above right. "I like that better than all my music awards," said Black.



David Moore



photos by Ed Mingin

**RECORDING ARTIST** -- Country music star Clint Black video tapes the crowd during his concert at Fort Dix Oct. 29.



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**BACKSTAGE PASS** -- Many people were responsible for the show's success, not least of whom were those who set up Timmermann Center on short notice. Ed "Bama" Lawrence of F&S Lighting from Bayonne, left, and Stevie Lee, a guitar technician for Black's band, helped make the show a success.



# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Fort Dix Retiree Council to host buffet luncheon

A luncheon will be sponsored by the Fort Dix Retiree Council for retirees and their guests Nov. 3 at Club Dix, with the Social Time beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon.

The luncheon will be a country buffet and will include Barbecue Ribs, Southern Fried Chicken, Catfish, Macaroni and Cheese, Potato Salad, Hash Puppies, Corn Bread and Buttermilk Biscuits, and Apple Pie for Dessert.

The cost for the luncheon is \$22, gratuity included. Checks can be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council. Retirees and their friends/guests are invited to send reservation requests to Sgt. Maj. Norman Pallotto, 15 East Central Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey, 08057, not later than Oct. 31.

### Basic Training for Business coming soon

Army Community Service will host a Basic Training for Business seminar Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

To register, call (856) 225-6221. For directions and access to post, call Rod Martel at 562-2186 48 hours before the training date.

**Disclaimer:** This opportunity is not an endorsement of the company or the company's products or services by Army Community Service, Fort Dix or the United States Army. This is an effort to provide legitimate employment opportunities for the families of "Team Dix" and our service members preparing for retirement or separation.

### Patriot Loan seminar coming to Fort Dix

Army Community Service will host a seminar about the Small Business Administration's Patriot Loan Program for veterans and their spouses.

The seminar will be held Nov. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Learn about SBA's new program to help Veterans and their Spouse. Learn what involved in writing a Business Plan and where to get help writing it. Learn what Lending Institutions look for in order to approve a Commercial Loan and finally learn how the SBA really works and how it may be able to help you secure your Business Loans.

To register, or for directions and access to Fort Dix, call Rod Martel at 562-2186.

### Finance Office adopts new hours of operation

The Fort Dix Finance Office is now open Monday through Wednesdays and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The office is located in Building 5418.

### West Point Army Band to hold concert in NYC

The West Point Army Band will hold a concert Nov. 4 at the Brooklyn College Center for the Performing Arts.

The concert is open to members of the Reserve Officers Association and their guests, retired military, and active-duty, Reserve and National Guard service members. Attendees are requested to dress in uniform, if possible.

Doors open for military personnel and dependents at 1:30 p.m., with the performance starting at 3 p.m. Uniforms worn or a copy of this notice will serve as an admission ticket.

Please call Col. Lester Gross at (718) 648-6527 to reserve a seat or for more information.

### ACS, REMAX to host real-estate seminar

Army Community Service and Operation REMAX will present Becoming a Real Estate Agent with Joseph A. Trela Nov. 16 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

The seminar is open to active and retired service members, military spouses and veteran service personnel.

A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Call Rod Martel at 562-2186 to register. Seating is limited to 20 attendees.



photos by Wayne Cook

Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander, above, gets some supervisory help from Jacquie Longacre, sewing instructor at the Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center, during the Army Community Service-sponsored Day of Caring Oct. 26. The event centered around the theme of volunteering to do for others. Representatives of many organizations showed up to help out with programs like Hearts for Heroes, Quilts for Kids, the American Red Cross, Operation Santa Claus and many more. Some of the organizations represented were the Warrior Transition Unit, New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy, McGuire Air Force Base Defense Courier Service, International Wives Club, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority-Rancocas Valley Alumni, and others. Although the rain caused the cancellation of the outdoor activities, it didn't dampen the spirits of the many volunteers, like Pfc. Alynza Jensen, Warrior Transition Unit, above right.

## Volunteers do Day of Caring



## Scholarships available to troops, families

The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of Active, Retired and Deceased Soldiers. The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program offers scholarships based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale; be full time undergraduate students for the entire academic year at a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education; and be dependents of a Soldier on federal active duty, a retiree, or a deceased active or retired Soldier. To be a dependent you must be under the age of 23, registered in DEERS and unmarried for the entire academic year.

The 2008-2009 MG James Ursano Scholarship Program Application will be available at the AER Web site, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) after November 1, 2007 and will be due on March 1, 2008. Hardcopy applications may be requested by contacting Mrs. Kasey Phillips at 703-428-0035, [kasey@aerhq.org](mailto:kasey@aerhq.org) or by mail to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief, MG James Ursano Scholarship Program, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.

The Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program (SSEAP) is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, and widows/widowers of Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status, and residing in the United States, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals. The purpose of the program is to assist spouses/widows/widowers in gaining the education required to allow them to qualify for increased occupational opportunities.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale; be full time undergraduate students for the entire academic year at a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education; and be dependents of a Soldier on federal active duty, a retiree, or a deceased active or retired Soldier. To be a dependent you must be registered in DEERS.

The 2008-2009 Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program Application will be available on our (AER) web site, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) after November 1, 2007 and will be due on March 1, 2008. Hardcopy applications may be requested by contacting Mrs. Diann Evans at 703-325-2091, [diann@aerhq.org](mailto:diann@aerhq.org) or by mail to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief, Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.

The 2008-2009 Student Aid Report (SAR) is needed for both the MG James Ursano Scholarship

Program and the Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program. The process to obtain the SAR is started by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). After analyzing the data on the FAFSA, the Student Aid Report (SAR) is produced and sent to the applicant. Since AER is not an education institution, we will not receive a copy of the SAR unless the applicant mails us a copy after they receive their copy.

The Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (OSEAP) is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide spouses, residing with active duty Soldier's in an Overseas Command only, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals. The purpose of the program is to assist spouses in gaining the education required to allow them to qualify for increased occupational opportunities.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale; be

an undergraduate student at a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education; be dependents of a Soldier on federal active duty and reside with active duty Soldier in an Overseas Command. To be a dependent you must be registered in DEERS.

The 2007-2008 Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program Application is now available on our (AER) web site, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org). Spouses must renew every Term. The deadline for each Term application, renewal form and/or supporting documents to AER for AY 2007-2008 is: Term 1-July 16, 2007; Term 2-Sept. 17, 2007; Term 3-Dec. 10, 2007; Term 4-Feb. 18, 2008; Term 5-April 28, 2008.

Hardcopy applications may be requested by contacting Mrs. Angela Huro at 703-325-0313, [angela@aerhq.org](mailto:angela@aerhq.org) or by mail to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief, Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.



Steve Snyder

## Spirit of the season

Members of the Mobilization Readiness Battalion celebrated Halloween in high fashion Tuesday night, gathering at Club Dix for a night of food, music and good cheer. Costumes dazzled, capturing the spirit of the season.

## Knowledge key to preventing staph infections

### What is Staphylococcus aureus?

Staphylococcus aureus (or staph) is a bacteria found on the skin or in the nose of healthy people. About 25-to-30 percent of the population have staph bacteria in their nose, which can lead to an infection. Staph bacteria are one of the most common causes of skin infections. Most of these skin infections are minor (such as pimples and boils) and can be treated without antibiotics. Staph can also cause serious infections (such as wound infections, bloodstream infections, and pneumonia) that require treatment.

### What is CA-MRSA?

Some staph infections cannot be cured with the usual antibiotics, making them difficult to treat. These antibiotics include methicillin and other more common antibiotics such as penicillin, amoxicillin, and oxacillin. Staph that are resistant or can not be treated by these antibiotics are referred to as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus or MRSA. MRSA that is acquired in a community setting rather than a healthcare setting like a hospital is referred to as community-acquired MRSA or CA-

MRSA. About 1 percent of the population have been shown to have MRSA bacteria.

### Who gets staph infections?

Staph infections (including MRSA) occur most frequently in hospitals and other healthcare facilities among patients who have weakened immune systems. CA-MRSA infections occur in otherwise healthy people who have not been hospitalized within the past year or had a medical procedure (such as dialysis, surgery or catheters).

### Are some people at increased risk for CA-MRSA infections?

CA-MRSA has been seen most often in groups of people who are in close contact with one another such as prison inmates, athletes, military recruits, and children at daycare centers. People are more likely to get a staph infection if they have:

- Close skin-to-skin contact with someone who has a staph infection
- Contact with items and surfaces that have staph on them
- Openings in their skin such as cuts and scrapes
- Crowded living conditions

### ● Poor hygiene

### What does this infection look like?

It is often mistaken for a spider bite. Staph skin infections can resemble a pimple or boil. Symptoms may include redness, warmth, swelling, pus, and skin tenderness. MRSA infections can change from skin irritations to abscesses or serious skin infections. If left untreated MRSA can infect blood and bones.

### How do I know if I have MRSA?

Always seek medical attention if you develop a boil, red or inflamed skin, or have a sore that does not go away. If the healthcare professional suspects the infection is due to staph he or she may sample the wound to determine the cause and to see which antibiotics are effective for treating the infection.

### What is the treatment?

Most MRSA infections are treatable with other antibiotics. Some MRSA infections can be treated by draining the wound and may not require antibiotics. Only health care providers should drain sores. Always keep draining sores covered to prevent others from getting infected.

### How can I prevent MRSA infections?

MRSA infections can be prevented by following good personal hygiene practices:

- Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly and frequently with soap and water or by using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until they are healed
- Avoid touching other people's wounds or bandages
- Do not share personal items such as razors, towels, uniforms, and other items that may have had contact with the infected wound or bandage
- Wash dirty clothes, linens, and towels that have become soiled in hot water and laundry detergent
- Clean off recreational equipment, such as weight benches before use or use a clean barrier such as a towel or shirt between your bare skin and the exercise equipment
- Shower after work-outs and other physical activities that may expose bare skin to contaminated surfaces or wounds from another person.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Reintegration —

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ber of the family needs some re-assimilation time. Soldiers must make time for themselves, date their spouses and do individual things with each child. Every member of the family has changed whether they want to admit it or not."

"We also find that the amount of effective leadership by commanders is proportionate to the number of issues we have to deal with when the Soldiers return," Kronenberg said.

"The Reintegration sessions last usually one to one-and-a-half hours and we run up to 10 sessions a day, but no more than 200 Soldiers per day," said Forden. "As far as I know we are the only post to provide reintegration counseling to our Soldiers."

"All of our chaplains are proficient in this training and we also get help from 72nd Field Artillery Brigade chaplains, Hunter and Cook," said Kronenberg.

The sessions consist of Soldiers from similar units and experiences that sit together in a relaxed atmosphere and take time to reflect on what they have been through and what lies ahead.

When Reed helps to facilitate a session she breaks the ice with the Soldiers who might be skeptical about a civilian who has not shared in their experiences by telling them, "I might not be wearing the boots, but I was married to the boots," alluding to the fact that she was a military spouse and is somewhat familiar with what the Soldiers are dealing with and what the families go through. After hearing this statement most Soldiers find it easier to relate to her.

"We try to help the Soldiers see that this is a time of growth. It is a time to reflect and then engage in interactive discussions about those experiences that have left us troubled," said Forden.

"It is not group therapy," he said. "It is Soldiers supporting Soldiers."

"I believe this program is effective. I have seen many Soldiers change after having a chance to share with other Soldiers and have the burdens lifted off their shoulders," said Forden.

Kronenberg said that during one of the sessions one veteran warrant officer shared his experience with the Soldiers. "If I had this kind of help when I came back from Vietnam, I probably wouldn't have had all the problems I had readjusting back to society."

Forden had a similar story to share. He said that during a

session he was leading a command sergeant major who had served in Vietnam shared with his Soldiers, "I am going to be retiring in a month and I need to let you guys know that you need to be very aware and thankful of what is going on here because when I left Vietnam it was get you out the door as soon as possible. Perhaps if I had something like this and had taken advantage of it I would not have faced four marriages and right now I am in therapy."

Another integral part of the reintegration team is the Military and Family Life Consultants, a group of licensed therapists and mental health specialists who are contracted under TRICARE to assist Soldiers and their families in dealing with stress related issues. This portion of the team is extremely important as they work directly with the Soldiers who have demobilized and their families.

Leadership of an active-duty or reserve unit can request a drill time of session for Soldiers and the Military and Family Life Consultants will provide the session at no cost to the unit.

The Soldiers not only receive Reintegration Training while they are in the demobilizing process but also follow-up counseling 30 days after returning home.

If a Soldier or any of his or her family members need assistance with a stress related or mental health issue, they can contact Military One Source, and receive up to six free sessions conducted in their home by an authorized local provider.

"I think this is a great program for our Soldiers and their families. I think we send home better Soldiers," Reed said.

Since May 2006 the installation Reintegration program has been provided to 555 groups, more than 11,000 Soldiers in 152 units, plus more than 1,700 individual demobilizing Soldiers.

After reviewing feedback forms turned in at the end of each session, Kronenberg said the majority of the Soldiers say this program has been very helpful.

The Fort Dix program has been so overwhelmingly successful that Army Medical Command is sending a team to the installation in November to see what parts of the program can be utilized at other installations around the country. The program is being considered as "Best Practices" for the Army and has been briefed to the Secretary of the Army.



THE SKY'S THE LIMIT -- Airman 1st Class Brian McWeeney throws a grenade during mobilization training at Fort Dix.

Ryan Morton

## Airmen fly high during mobilization training

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Approximately 247 Air Force Security Forces Airmen, known as Request for Forces (RFF) 406, are currently at Fort Dix preparing for a detainee operations mission and will soon deploy to Iraq.

With the Global War on Terrorism in full swing, every branch of the armed services has to be ready to answer the call to duty. That includes missions that a particular branch may not normally be called on to perform.

"As security forces, we're probably more similarly trained to the Army than any other branch or MOS (Military Occupational Specialty). It gives us a chance to brush up on skills we might not be doing everyday back home and it helps us develop more esprit de corps and unity within," Capt. Justin Secrest, RFF 406 Commander said.

A Request for Forces is defined as a unit made up of personnel drawn from many separate units and brought together to support a pre-defined mission that may lack sufficient personnel for successful completion.

This unit features Active

Duty Airmen stationed in 19 different installations worldwide such as Ramstein Air Base, Germany, McCord Air Force Base in Washington State, and Anderson Air Force Base in Guam.

This unit was formed as an "in lieu of (ILO)" type of mission. That means that a unit provides support for another unit if extra manpower is needed to do the job.

Often, when one branch of service supports another there is a learning curve due to the unfamiliarity of the support unit with the task assigned. This group has an advantage in that sense because many of the Airmen assigned to this unit have previously conducted those kinds of operations.

This unit also has many veteran Airmen who have previously performed detainee operations or security force missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's great having those experienced Airmen here because we can use their prior

experiences to further train and hone the skills of the others because they have performed those missions before," Secrest said.

The biggest challenge is having a company so large. Secrest stated that their biggest challenge comes in the form of accountability and keeping track of everyone in the unit.

The 406 RFF arrived at Dix in early October and have participated in training exercises including Improvised Explosive Device detection, combat life saver, and their mission essential detainee operations.

"This training is going really well. We're really coming together as a team and everyone seems really eager and anxious to go over and serve," Secrest said.

Their primary mission, according to Secrest, will be keeping detainees secure and providing care, custody, and control of the detainee population while they await due process.

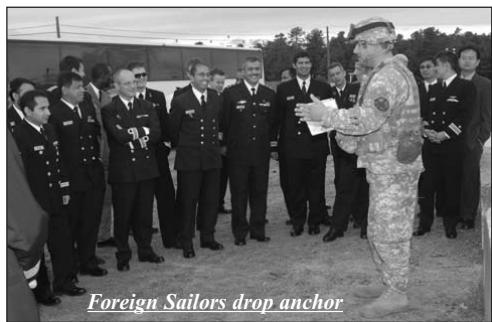
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Foreign Sailors drop anchor

Pascual Flores

Lt. Col. John McKee, mayor of the Forward Operating Base (FOB), briefs foreign navy officers from the Naval War College on the operations of the FOB, during their visit to Fort Dix Oct. 19.

# Policies make pet protection top priority

There have been recent changes to the Fort Dix/McGuire pet policy due to recent incidents involving the feral cat population. This mandate came about from a meeting with many base agencies and their discussions of the feral cat population. This article discusses the purpose behind the changes, the benefits and consequences associated and the primary change itself-mandatory micro chipping for all dogs and cats residing in government housing.

## What is micro chipping and how does it work?

Pet microchips are small electronic implants about the size of a grain of rice. They are imbedded between the shoulder blades and just below the skin. Within five seconds they are placed using a hypodermic needle. Your pet will not need to be sedated.

After the chip is placed, you will need to visit [avidmicrochip.com](http://avidmicrochip.com) and register in the PETTrac program (FREE for active duty personnel) to ensure the return of your lost pet.

Shelter personnel use a handheld scanner to determine a chip's serial number. They can then contact Avid, who maintains a database of its chips' serial numbers and corresponding owner information, and arrange a tail-wagging reunion.

Unfortunately, there are many manufacturers of micro chips, each with their own database, so there is not yet a central database of serial numbers. As a result, a coalition of animal welfare and veterinary professionals have been lobbying for a central database with universal technology.

Microchips are REQUIRED when moving to all overseas locations. Now that micro chips are mandatory here at Fort Dix/McGuire, there will be one less step when moving to overseas location.

## What pets are required to have micro chips?

This mandate is only for dogs and cats that live on the bases. All small animals (pocket pets, rabbits, ferrets, reptiles and birds) will be exempt. Burlington county animal shelter, the security forces, pest control and the vet clinic all have scanners that can read the microchips. If your animal is found, you will be contacted and reunited with your pet within hours.

## How much will this cost?

This service will be provided for \$20 at the Fort Dix/McGuire Veterinary Facility.

## Why is important to register your pet?

One possible drawback is that microchips are useful only when the owner database contains accurate information. People sometimes neglect to update the information when they move or to register the chips when they are implanted. It is important that you keep your address and phone numbers updated with the



vet clinic and Avid\*. You can go on the Avid website and update your information anytime and it is free for all active duty military.

\*Note: If your animal was purchased in Europe and has one of the 15 digit microchips, it will also have to get the Avid microchip because none of the local scanners will work on the 15 digit Euro chips. But your 10 digit Avid chip can be read by the European scanners!

## My schedule is full when will I have time to get my pet micro chipped?

It has been decided that Fort Dix/ McGuire will begin a mandatory microchip program for all dogs and cats residing in government housing. The vet clinic is committed to making compliance with the policy as easy as possible for everyone. We will be hosting many microchip only clinics including some evening and Saturday clinics to be announced over the next few weeks. The goal at the VTF is to have all cats and dogs on base micro chipped by the end of 2007.

## Why are micro chips now mandatory?

The purpose of the Micro chipping program is the following:

1. Assist in returning lost pets to their owners.
2. Decrease the incidence of TDY or PCS pet abandonment.

Microchips are the best tool to return lost animals to their owners. Microchip identification offers many advantages over other forms of identification. Collars and tags can come off; tattoos can fade or be difficult to locate since there is no universal location for tattoos.

## How micro chipping affects you, your family and your pet's safety?

Micro chipping was instituted after several meetings with many organizations on base determined that the feral cat colonies were a serious public health issue. Since the safety of the soldiers and their families are being affected these organizations decided that it is necessary to remove these feral cat populations. This public health issue first presented a level of priority when a contractor was bitten by a feral cat that tested positive for Rabies.

Rabies is a viral disease transmitted from animal to humans when bitten and/or scratched by infected animals. Rabies causes inflammation of the brain and death in humans and animals. Please do not touch or allow your children to play with any stray animals on base. Since rabies is in the feral cat population on base this creates a severe public health situation and warrants removal of infected animals.

Therefore, to decrease any confusion during this removal process, it is important that you get your pet micro chipped so that they are not mistaken for feral animals. Anyone found tampering with the traps in any way will be in violation - subject to UCMJ and criminal penalties. Cats that have microchips will be immediately returned to their families. Healthy cats without microchips that are thought to be adoptable will be given to the Burlington county animal shelter. Animals that are found to be carrying disease - Rabies, FIV (feline AIDS), Feline Leukemia, Feline Infectious Peritonitis, Feline panleukopenia, toxoplasmosis, and other diseases will be euthanized. These diseases can be spread to family pets. All rabies suspects or bite incidents will be sent in for testing.

## How did this public health issue develop?

Cat colonies form from owners allowing

their un-spayed/neutered pets to escape and/or owners dumping their pets. There are many excuses given for dumped pets, none of which are acceptable. Here are some of the common excuses:

\* We are moving overseas or PCS'ing and it's too much trouble to take them.

\* My pet has allergies. Find a new home for the animal.

\* My husband is deployed and I can't handle him (lack of training).

Just because a pet is dumped or dropped off on another agency does not mean that the burden goes away. It just becomes someone else's difficulty. Dumping pets on or off base for any reason is not acceptable. It may take some work to place the animal in a new home or adoption situation but it is the owner's responsibility.

The solution to prevention of future feral/stray pet populations and more public health issues is the practice of responsible pet ownership by all military members. Some of the most important of these includes having animals spayed/neutered and micro chipped.

With your help we can control unwanted strays and keep the base safe for our families and pets.

## How can you be a responsible owner?

Remember, getting a pet is a commitment for the lifetime of that pet. It is cruel to make this commitment and abandon your pet or refuse your pet basic and health care needs, or neglect to educate yourself about your pet's needs before ever taking this pet to your home.

In order to ensure the well being of your pet (keep them out of harms way) you must provide more than the basic needs of food and water. Pets need to be provided adequate shelter and play area, adequate training and exercise, regular vaccinations (shots), spayed/neutered, micro chipped, fed a proper diet, and have yearly examinations by your veterinarian.

Many problems reported are related to a pet's (particularly dogs) behavior and these problems can be remedied with proper training, Petco/Pets-marts, and many other training schools in the area offer puppy classes and dog training. This is a great bonding experience for both the pet and the owner. If you are thinking "I don't have time to go to class for 8 week Saturday sessions;" you might not have time for a pet either.

Before acquiring a pet, do your research!!!!!!

It is important to know what it is that you want from a pet and make sure that it fits your lifestyle. If you want a dog to run with, don't choose a Basset hound or a Chihuahua. If you do not think you will be able to walk your dog 3-6 miles a day, avoid high energy breeds like German Short Hair Pointers or Labrador Retrievers. Don't like grooming every day? Avoid Persian cats and Dalmatians. Expecting a baby? High maintenance puppies are probably not a good idea. Puppies are just as demanding as babies.

Also, remember that pit bulls (Staffordshire Terriers) are considered "banned breeds" and many bases, apartment complexes and countries will not allow them. Having a "banned breed" gives you fewer housing options or makes you have to put your pet up for adoption.

There are many fine websites out there that will help you decided which pet best fits your needs. Furthermore, before a pet is selected, research any rules and regulations you're current or future base has about pets. For example, on Fort Dix/McGuire: You must register your pet (dogs and cats only) at the Fort Dix Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF); While living in government housing breeding your pet is not allowed; Starting on Nov. 1, 2007, ALL dogs and cats living in government housing must be micro chipped.

If you already own a pet make sure that you are the responsible owner outlined above. Also, find out if your pet is included in your family care plan if you get deployed. Have you made arrangements for a relative, friend or neighbor to keep your pet? Have you prepared he/she for the responsibilities associated with your pet's needs for the duration of its stay. When informed of deployment, inform your veterinary facility and visit countries website to determine what your pet needs to move with you. Pet ownership is a blessing and can really add to your life if you are prepared for the commitment, expense and responsibility.



Wayne Cook

## Graduates get a 'Go'

Fort Dix Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense School Class 1-08 graduated Oct. 23. Standing are, from left, 1st Lt. Gary Harvey, Capt. Robert Devito, Sgt. Joseph Wilson, and Spc. Andre Gray. Kneeling are Maj. Roberto Dibacco, Sgt. Dale Boldware, and Sgt. Julio Rodriguez.

# Announcements



## Movie Schedule at the McGuire AFB Theatre Movie Hotline 754-5139

### Friday, November 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

**The Kingdom** - Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper, Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman, Jeremy Piven, Danny Huston - When a terrorist bomb detonates inside a Western housing compound in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, an international incident is ignited. FBI Special Agent Ronald Fleury (Jamie Foxx) quickly assembles an elite team (Chris Cooper, Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman) and negotiates a secret five-day trip into Saudi Arabia to locate the madman behind the bombing. Upon landing in the desert kingdom, however, they discover Saudi authorities unwelcoming of American interlopers into what they consider a local matter. The FBI agents find their expertise worthless without the trust of their Saudi counterparts, who want to locate the terrorist in their homeland on their own terms. Fleury's crew finds a like-minded partner in Saudi Colonel Al-Ghazi (Ashraf Barhoum), who helps them navigate royal politics and unlock the secrets of the crime scene. With these unlikely allies sharing a propulsive commitment, the team is led to the killer's front door in a blistering do-or-die confrontation.

**MPAA Rating: R** - intense sequences of brutal violence, and for language  
Run time: 110 minutes

### Saturday, November 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

**3:10 to Yuma** - Russell Crowe, Christian Bale, Peter Fonda, Gretchen Mol, Ben Foster - Outlaw Ben Wade (Russell Crowe) terrorizes 1800s Arizona, especially the Southern Railroad, until he is finally captured. Wade must be brought to trial, so Dan Evans (Christian Bale), the owner of a drought-stricken ranch, volunteers to escort him to the train. Along the trail, a grudging respect forms between the men, but danger looms at every turn, and the criminal's men are in pursuit.

**MPAA Rating: R** - violence and some language  
Run time: 117 minutes

### Future Features...

#### Good Luck Chuck

Friday, Nov. 9 @ 7:30 p.m.  
R, 96 minutes.

#### The Game Plan

Saturday, Nov. 10 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG, 107 minutes.

### 24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault.....562-3849

Victim Advocacy.....694-8724

Child/Spouse Abuse..562-6001

Emergencies.....911

**Or, visit the Fort Dix Department of Defense Police Department in Bldg. 6049 on 8th Street.**

### Dining Facility Schedule

Bldg. 5501	OES	Closed
Breakfast	0600 - 0800	
Lunch	1130 - 1330	
Dinner	1630 - 1830	
Bldg. 5517	NCOA	Every Day
Breakfast	0630 - 0800	
Lunch	1130 - 1300	
Dinner	1630 - 1800	
Bldg. 5610	Surge	Every Day
Breakfast	0600 - 0730	
Lunch	1130 - 1300	
Dinner	1630 - 1800	
Bldg. 5640	Surge	Closed
Breakfast	0600 - 0730	
Lunch	1130 - 1300	
Dinner	1630 - 1800	
Bldg. 5985	Camp Victory (FOB)	Closed
Breakfast	0500 - 0630	
Dinner	1800 - 1930	
Bldg. 5986	Surge	Every Day
Breakfast	0600 - 0730	
Lunch	1130 - 1300	
Dinner	1630 - 1800	
<i>Meal Rates B - \$2.00 L - \$3.65 D - \$3.65</i>		

## Main Chapel

### 562-2020 Sunday Services

**Protestant** 9 - 10 a.m.  
**Catholic Mass** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  
**Gospel** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent

**Protestant** 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
**Catholic** 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
**Mormon** 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
**Jewish** 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

### Wednesday Services

#### Main Chapel

**Protestant Bible Study** noon  
Chapel Library

**Protestant** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### Religious Services

**Islamic Prayer room**  
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

**Catholic Adult Bible Study**  
Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

**Christian Women of the Chapel - Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

**Christian Men of the Chapel - Prayer Breakfast** - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.

**Youth of the Chapel**  
Every second and fourth Tuesday  
7 to 9 p.m.

**Jewish services** available by request

For additional services or Religious Support please call 562-2020

Religious materials are available at the JRC, the Main Chapel, and Camp Victory

## Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street  
562-5061

**Hours of Operation:**  
Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.  
Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.  
Sunday & Monday CLOSED  
**Administrative Hours:**  
Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

### Nov 2 - 8

#### \*Friday\*

#### Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

#### Keystone Club

6 - 8 p.m.

#### \*Saturday\*

#### Open Rec

3:30 - 7 p.m.

#### Midnight Basketball

Teens/Guests ONLY

7 - 12 p.m.

#### \*Monday\*

#### Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### Arts & Crafts Club

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

#### Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

#### \*Tuesday\*

#### Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### Goals for Growth

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

#### Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

#### \*Wednesday\*

#### Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### Sports and Fitness

4 - 5 p.m.

(Last Day of Bowling)

#### Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

#### \*Thursday\*

#### SCHOOL CLOSED

#### Full Day Middle School

#### Open Rec.

2 - 7 p.m.

#### Tech/Video Club

4 - 5 p.m.

#### Girls in Science

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Goals for Growth Program** runs through Nov. 20. Call for more information.

## Volunteers are needed

for

### Fort Dix Special Observances Committees

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Black History Month

Women's History Month

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Women's Equality Day

Hispanic Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month

For more information call  
Denise Horton at 562-4011

## Family Advocacy

562-5200

## Chaplain

562-2020

## American Red Cross

562-2258

## Army Emergency Relief

562-2767

## Read

*the Post*  
to get your command  
and community  
information and news

## Pool Notes

### Indoor Pool Announcements for October and November

Will resume **November 5**,  
Monday nights at 7:30 - 8:30 and  
Wednesday morning 9 - 10 a.m. and  
Saturday morning 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*There is no Wednesday class during the winter months*

**Pool closed November 3, also November 22 for Thanksgiving**

**Holiday hours November 12, Veterans Day, and November 23.**

## Computer Classes

for 3 - 5 year olds

### Tuesdays (starting October 2)

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Fort Dix Child Development Center

#### BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

#### KEYBOARD FAMILIARIZATION

#### PRACTICE DESKTOP SKILLS with PULL DOWN MENUS

**Register TODAY** through September 18!  
**\$45** (A month paid in advance is due on the 1st)

## Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

### Community Newcomer's Orientation

Information - Tour - Free Lunch - Free Child Care - and Much More!

Every **3rd Thursday** of each month  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at Army Community Service

\*New service and family members are invited to attend this orientation to discover more of the little known wonders of Fort Dix and the surrounding area.

## EFMP Support Group

3rd Thursday each month  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Army Community Service



# Chargers take two for homecoming



photos by Ed Mingin

**POWER PLAY** -- The Fort Dix Chargers Midgets were fired up and ready for action this past weekend as they prepared for their homecoming game, below. Brandon Jacobson, above, looks downfield for an open receiver as the team moves the ball toward the end zone. The Midgets lost a close game to Hamilton East 15-6. The loss puts the team at 1-6 for the season.

Ed Mingin  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix celebrated its homecoming by winning two of three games.

The Chargers were on a roll in the Mitey-Mite division, dominating Hamilton West and winning 29-0.

Lasanna Brew and John

Cotton piled up yards in the running game, as the Chargers offense overpowered their opponent. Brew had a banner day and scored three touchdowns.

Chargers quarterback Myles Bolden hit Jacob Carver twice in the end zone for two-point conversions. Sean Hoggs added to the point total by running for an extra point.



Cameron Tucker also crossed the goal line for a touchdown.

"By the end of the first quarter we knew this game was in hand, so it gave me an opportunity to let some of the younger players run the ball. Cameron Tucker only weighs 55 pounds, but he is one of the toughest players on the team. He always comes to practice and works hard, so I wanted to give him a chance to score a touch down. He was very happy," said Mitey-Mite coach Steve Uzleber.

The Chargers were equally dominant defensively, not allowing Hamilton to score. "As always Coach Powell had the defense playing flaw-

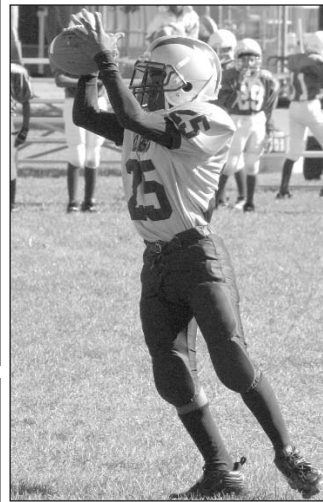
lessly. The Mitey-Mites have not been scored on in five consecutive games," said Uzleber.

As the team heads toward the playoffs, Uzleber is looking to fine tune their game.

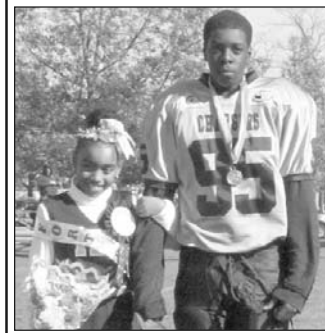
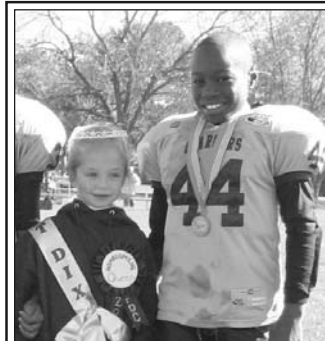
"Despite their great record the Mitey-Mites have been plagued with penalties all season. I told the team if they didn't make any mental penalties I would give them off for Halloween," said the coach.

"The team will be trick-or-treating this Wednesday," he said, after his team kept penalties to a minimum.

The Fort Dix Peewees dominated against Ewing, winning 24-0. In the Midget division, Fort Dix lost a close 15-6 game against Hamilton East.



**BALL CONTROL** -- Joseph Oswald, above left, connects with J.C. Cotton, above, as the Fort Dix Chargers dominate against Hamilton West in the Peeewe division. The Chargers went on to a 24-0 victory over Ewing.



## Royal Court

Fort Dix celebrated homecoming this past weekend, and named the king and queen for each group during halftime. Raven Harrison and Lasanna Brew were given the honor in the Mitey-Mite division. The rest of the royal court for the Mitey-Mites were Julie Block and Kendra Ward as princesses. Anibal Rodriguez, Myles Bolden and Sean Hoggs were named as prince. In the Peeewe division, Isiah Wilson and Anissa May were named king and queen. Princes were Joseph Oswald, Brandon Cromwell and J.C. Cotton. Princesses were Olivia Kovacs, Hanna Bradshaw and Kayley Bodman. For the Midgets, Al Qadir Mosely was named king and Evaughn Aponte was queen. Princes were Robert Williams, Levante Harvey and Shawn McKeen. Princesses were Tracey Bradshaw, Jasmine Jackson and Sarah Leavitt.

## Sports Shorts

### Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday  
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Griffith Class Schedule

Monday  
Cardio Kick Express  
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Total Toning  
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday  
Sculpting Express  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Spin-It  
noon - 12:45 p.m.  
Intro to Fitness  
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday  
Circuit Training  
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Thursday  
Step & Sculpt  
noon - 12:45 p.m.

### Pilates Fusion

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Friday  
Spin-It  
noon - 12:45 p.m.

For more information about activities at the Griffith Field house, or to verify class times, call 562-4888.

### Pool Hours

Monday - Friday  
Military Lap Swim  
6 - 8 a.m.

Retirees/Dep. Lap Swim  
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Active Duty/DOD Lap Swim  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recreation Swim  
1 - 5 p.m.

Saturday  
Lap Swim  
10:30 a.m. - noon

Recreation Swim  
noon - 6 p.m.

Hydro Aerobic Class  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Wednesday  
Hydro Aerobic Class  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

# Post chaplain raises up to higher command in Minnesota's RRC

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

After 15 months serving the Fort Dix community, Chap. (Maj.) Jason Logan is taking his service on the road.

The chaplain has been selected for reassignment in mid-November as the deputy command chaplain for the 88th Regional Readiness Command at Fort Snelling, Minn.

His new assignment encompasses Army Reserve assets throughout a six-state region including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. He will lead ministry teams that will provide spiritual and religious support to units and Soldiers and their families in his area of responsibility to include weddings, memorial services, casualty support, chaplain candidate programs, deployment and redeployment training and counseling, and many other tasks.

Logan was selected to replace the current deputy command chaplain, Chap. (Maj.) Don Salisbury, who is gravely ill and cannot continue in his duties.

"One of my biggest highlights here has been having the opportunity to conduct services for deploying Soldiers and

be pastor for the Gospel congregation. I will miss my parishioners when I'm gone. As a deputy command chaplain, I won't have very many



Chap. (Maj.)  
Jason Logan

opportunities to serve in a pastor's role with a congregation," said Logan.

During his tenure on post, Logan has loved the many challenges he has faced. As the chapel resource and property manager, he was responsible

for the equipment, resources and facilities that support two chapel buildings and the services in the tactical training base. He has been instrumental in ensuring that the other chaplains on staff and the lay leaders from the community had what they required to conduct three major congregational services and multiple spiritual and religious organizations and events on the installation. He also worked diligently with the chaplain assistants to ensure that all the services and events were prepared ahead of time with all the special needs provided.

Logan enjoyed leading the Wednesday noontime Bible study and conducting services for Soldiers, including being the Gospel congregation pastor. Training Soldiers for deployment or upon return from theater was another highlight for Logan. Whether he was leading a Battlemind Training session, a Reintegration counseling session, providing a Suicide Prevention class, or many other interrelating opportunities with Soldiers, Logan relished the chance to serve.

Another of the chaplain's high points was when he got to parachute into Holland and again here in New Jersey with

visiting British paratroopers. A diehard Soldier through-and-through, Logan loves to be amongst the Soldiers in a field environment.

Logan is a very dedicated prayer warrior and routinely prayed for everybody on the installation, especially the leadership and the Soldiers in the field preparing to deploy. He began and organized a regular prayer meeting with others from around the post to pray for the Soldiers and their families.

"I am thankful that I had two faithful brothers who prayed with me personally for the post, its leaders and the Soldiers and their families. I want to thank some folks who were mainly behind the scenes but who made a difference – Ray Perkins, the chapel administrator, who has taken care of things behind the scenes. He is always thinking of people and thinking of excellence. I also want to thank Sgt. 1st Class Fred Cohen, who carries an awful lot of the weight around here," he said.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to continue serving Soldiers. They are what it is all about. I am also grateful for being allowed to be a chaplain in the Army and to serve my God," Logan concluded.



Wayne Cook

## Making the grade

Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, and Sarah Behnke, wife of Capt. Timothy Behnke, pin his chaplain's cross and captain's bars on during a promotion and chaplain commissioning ceremony at the Main Chapel Oct. 25. The former chaplain's candidate spent the latter part of his candidate training time at Fort Dix being mentored by the installation staff in preparation for assuming his new duties. Behnke drew upon the more than 135 years of chaplains' experience, knowledge and wisdom of the Fort Dix chaplains to gain insight into the responsibilities of a chaplain and how to handle many of the diverse situations he will encounter in his new profession. Upon completion of the chaplain course at Fort Jackson, S.C. Behnke and his wife will report to Fort Bragg, N.C. where he will assume the duties as the battalion chaplain for the 37th Engineering Battalion

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